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Nunawading Community Hub Project Update Newsletter December 2016

Welcome to the first edition of *Project Update* that will keep key stakeholders and the broader Whitehorse community informed about project news, key dates and milestones regarding the Nunawading Community Hub development.

About the project

The new Nunawading Community Hub will be built on the former Nunawading Primary School site in Springvale Road. Council purchased the site from the state government for \$6 million in mid 2015, with the intention of retaining the land for the continued enjoyment and benefit of the entire community.

When completed, the facility will be the new vibrant heart of Nunawading; a communal meeting place where people of all ages and backgrounds feel welcome and can come together for connection, learning and celebration.

Community groups operating out of Silver Grove, Nunawading will call the hub their home.

With flexible spaces and planned integration with the surrounding parkland, the new facility will provide many opportunities for residents to participate in a diverse range of activities and form new friendships in a welcoming and friendly



setting. Local community groups and services colocated at the hub will also benefit through the sharing of spaces and resources and increased visibility in the community.

Facilities on site will comprise a multi functional community facility, a refurbished heritage school building and stadium. The heritage school building will form a key focal point, ensuring the rich history of the sites use as a school is preserved for future generations.

The project is expected to take three years to complete. The concept, schematic and detailed design phases are programmed to occur in 2017 with construction to take place from June 2018 to September 2019. The official opening of the new community hub facility is expected to be in late 2019.

The site will remain fully enclosed throughout the project to ensure the safety and amenity of the local community.

Leading architects appointed

Council has awarded the contract to design the new Nunawading Community Hub to leading architectural firm Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (fjmt). fjmt is at the forefront of public building and community facility design, acclaimed for design excellence and innovation across a wide range of larger community projects.

Stay informed

To keep up-to-date on this exciting development, visit the Nunawading Community Hub Webpage <u>www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/NCH.html</u> or contact Council's Nunawading Community Hub Project Manager, Rohan Prathapasinghe on 9894 0356 or Rohan.P@whitehorse.vic.gov.au.

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